Llewellyn Park
Sunday Dec 15th
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My dear Garrison

I arrived here on Thursday evening, fully expecting to find you in the domestic circle. It was a disappointment to learn that your coming would be delayed for another week. It was a greater disappointment and one to which I cannot reconcile myself to learn by your letter that your going to Chicago was "out of the question".

Now my dear Garrison you must allow me to ask you to reconsider that matter, and, while reconsidering it, to hold your mind open to con=

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victim. I think I can show you that a ten-days run to the west will be useful to you bodily, spiritually & financially; while I know that it will be of the greatest service to one of the greatest of causes.

The word "financially" reminds me to say that I sent word twice by Wendell to you that our promise to pay your expenses to Boston & back had not been forgotten; that we were, for the time being, out of funds; that we expected to be in the receipt of money this winter, and that you would find that we had no purpose to shirk our obligations. But Wendell, not attaching as much importance to the message as I did, failed to deliver it. He

assured that we fully mean to
pay what we owe you.

Now about the West. At
Chicago & at Toledo they said: "Do
fetch Mr Garrison out. If he
comes we can fill the biggest
hall in town." In Toledo. Mr
Locke ("Petroleum V. Nasby")
said: "Bring Mr Garrison and
we can fill our biggest hall to
repletion at 50 cents a head."
Financially therefore it would
be well better for you & for us
~~were you to go~~. But it is the
moral more than the pecuniary
results that I ~~the~~ am looking
to in asking you to go.

The importance of our mission
must becomes more & more
apparent. These newly enfranchised
citizens must be educated
~~& that~~ speedily. It is a national

necessity, not a mere work of charity; and the people everywhere are beginning to feel it.

Now as for your health that can't be worse than was mine when I started out in September; but I came home better & stronger than when I left. The improvements in western rail-road travel makes going out there & back a much easier thing than it used to be. In short the difficulties in the way of your going are not so great as at first sight they may have appeared to you to be, and the advantages to you, every how, & to the cause would be very great indeed. I only ask you to be gone ten days. We should start, say on the 6th of January (or a little earlier or a little later, to suit you) and re-

turn, stay in the latter. Perhaps
Bird or Phillips Brooks (or
perhaps both) would be of the
party. You would not be
worked hard, - quite the
contrary, - & you would be
sure to have a good
time. You would come
home better in spirit, health,
purse, & even in reputation.
That is you would delight
your old friends & make
new ones.

Please don't decide a-
gainst me hastily, or ~~on~~ for
reasons not absolutely un-
answerable. Allow me to
expect that when you come
on it will be to remain
till the beginning of January &

them to accompany me to Toledo first, to Chicago afterward. I will take care of you, and see that you don't get sick, or have your pocket picked.

This will reach you on Tuesday morning, in ~~time~~ season for a full consideration of the whole matter before the time fixed for your departure for New York.

With love to Mrs Garrison, — & to Frank whom we shall be pleased to see with you — I am as ever

Yours truly

J. McKim

P.S. *Monday*. I have just had a letter from Toledo begging me to come out there & to "bring Mr Garrison" with me, as it would "give a great impetus to the cause"